

Application No. 10/734,811
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising the steps of:
 - storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes at least one invitee selection criterion;
 - storing member information about each of a plurality of members;
 - detecting, for each of the plurality of members, whether the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the events matches the member information; and
 - sending an e-mail invitation to at least some of the members for whom a match was detected in the detecting step, wherein the e-mail invitation invites its recipient to at least some of the events for which a match was detected in the detecting step, wherein the email invitation is sent to the recipient before an opportunity to access the email invitation is provided to the recipient, and wherein the email invitation remains unchanged from the time it is sent until the time when the opportunity to access the email invitation is provided to the recipient, and
 - wherein at least one of the e-mail invitations sent in the sending step invites its recipient to a plurality of events for which a match was detected in the detecting steps.

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2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an area of practice.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.
6. (currently amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising the steps of:
 - storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes at least one invitee selection criterion;
 - storing member information about each of a plurality of members, wherein the member information for each of the plurality of members includes at least one member preference;
 - determining, based on (a) matches between the member information and the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events and (b) matches between the event information and the at least one member preference for the respective members, which events each of the plurality of members should be invited to; and

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sending invitations to the members based on results of the determining step, wherein the invitations are sent via email, wherein the email invitations are sent to their recipients before an opportunity to access the email invitations is provided to the recipients, wherein the email invitations remains unchanged from the time they are sent until the time when the opportunity to access the email invitations is provided to the recipients, and wherein at least one of the invitations invites its recipient to more than one of the events.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the determining step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the determining step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

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11. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an area of practice.

12. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

13. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

14. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

15. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium upon which executable instructions are stored, wherein the instructions instruct a computer to facilitate the selective distribution of invitations by performing the steps of:

storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes at least one invitee selection criterion;

storing member information about each of a plurality of members, wherein the member information for each of the plurality of members includes at least one member preference;

determining, based on (a) matches between the member information and the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events and (b) matches between the event information and the at least one member preference for the respective members, which events each of the plurality of members should be invited to; and

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sending email invitations to the members based on results of the determining step,
wherein the email invitations are sent to their recipients before an opportunity to access the email
invitations is provided to the recipients, wherein the email invitations remains unchanged from
the time they are sent until the time when the opportunity to access the email invitations is
provided to the recipients, and wherein at least one of the invitations invites its recipient to more
than one of the events.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein, in the determining step, a
decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member
information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given
event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member
preference for the given member.

18. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein, in the determining step, a decision to invite
a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the
given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match
between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given
member.